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CS/HB 7005, Unemployment Compensation, Passes the House Economic Affairs Committee

Tallahassee, Fla. – CS/HB 7005 relating to Unemployment Compensation, today passed the House Economic Affairs Committee. The bill now heads to the floor of the Florida House where it will be heard during the upcoming 2011 Legislative Session.

“The way the current Unemployment Compensation system is designed is unsustainable,” said Representative Doug Holder (R-Sarasota), chair of the Economic Development & Tourism Subcommittee and sponsor of CS/HB 7005. “Unfortunately, the system has been overwhelmed by the dramatic increase of benefits payouts and has forced the state to borrow money from the federal government.”

“This legislation addresses these problems by tying benefits to the reality of the economic climate, and ensures that our Unemployment Compensation system will not be overwhelmed in the future, while still guaranteeing unemployed workers receive necessary benefits,” said Representative Doug Holder.

“For our state’s Unemployment Compensation system to be successful, we must move toward implementing a system of re-employment,” said Representative Dorothy Hukill (R-Port Orange), chair of the House Economic Affairs Committee. “This bill fosters workforce development and training for those receiving benefits, resulting in a stronger system that emphasizes re-employment rather than merely awarding benefits.”

“I commend my fellow Members of the House Economic Affairs Committee for passing this bill today; and I look forward to voting in favor of it on the House floor,” concluded Representative Hukill.

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